



## Looking Ahead, Moving Forward

by Rick Hamlin, Division Director

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Over the last several issues much of the focus of the articles I have penned has related to issues at the national level of our organization. As you read this, the most recent round of National Board elections will have been completed. Thank you for taking the time to cast your vote. We wish our Board all the best as they deliberate and act on the many issues before them.

While the national issues are certainly important, as the title suggests, the Eastern Division Board of Directors and I would like to take this opportunity to describe some of the positive things happening closer to home. Included in these are a few of the ways we have been looking ahead so we can move our Division forward into the future.

Wachusett Mountain Ski Patrol! – The Wachusett Mountain Ski Patrol is not only number one in the Eastern Division this year, but they were also voted the number one Large Alpine Patrol in the nation. If that isn't news enough, this is the second time they have collected this award in recent history. Way to go Wachusett Patrollers!

Recruiting New Patrollers – One of the things that we have known for some time is that the numbers show the average age of Patrollers is growing older. You probably

don't have to look at the numbers; a quick look around in the morning while everyone is putting on their boots will pretty much confirm this. Not that there is anything wrong with older Patrollers, with age comes experience, but it is important that we pass that experience on to future generations of Patrollers. To that end, we needed a way to catch the eye of that next generation of Patrollers. The Boston Globe SnowSports Expo is one of the largest shows in our Division that kick off the ski season each year. The EMARI Region has an NSP booth there each year and last year I had the pleasure of spending one day of the show with the Patrollers making contact with the snow sports public. It didn't take long to see the booths that had the crowds were giving things away and posters topped the list of what folks were collecting. This year we went back and properly equipped Bernie Vallee and his team of Patrollers at the NSP booth to gain our share of crowds with our own 18 x 24 four-color poster.

Sugarbush, Mad River, and Mount Washington Patroller (yeah, all at the same time) Christian Jaquith was captured last year doing a little sled training by renowned sports photographer Sandy Macys, on one of those rare days when we had snow. Sandy is also a Sugarbush Patroller when he is not behind the lens. After some focus group testing, the Eastern Division Public Relations Committee approved the poster. While the poster was rolling off the presses, thanks to the efforts of Tim Bird a Smugglers' Notch Patroller, the Public Relations Committee was working with Eastern Division Web-

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master Bill Gamble to create a new web page that would welcome people who follow the web link on the poster. The new page will describe what the NSP is, what Patrollers do, and to help them make contact with the right folks if they are interested in membership. We hope that this coordinated effort helps to attract that next generation of Patrollers.

**Take a Course** – Your Eastern Division Board would like to encourage you to expand your horizons this year and take a course or better yet courses. Sign up for a Skier Enhancement Seminar, take an MTR or Avalanche course, finish up those last Senior electives, or one of the many other courses you will find on the Division Calendar. You say you've taken them all? Take a Student Patroller to the Student Seminar and you'll get a totally fresh perspective. In addition to all of the great courses available through the NSP, we are also trying to let Patrollers know of other possibilities to



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expand their knowledge base. Some of the opportunities that are available include the Federation Internationale des Patrouille de Ski (FIPS) Congress that is going to be held in April at Snowbird. The Congress is held every two years and it moves around the world, so this is a great opportunity to see what the international patrol community is up to on our

own continent. We are also encouraging Patrollers to attend industry conferences like those that are sponsored by the NSAA or other regional ski area associations. Having a broader horizon regarding things going on around us in our industry makes us all a more valu-

able resource to the areas that we serve. Check the *Trail Sweep* Calendar and also the "Events" page of the Eastern Division website ([www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org)) for these opportunities. NSP events will still be listed in *Trail Sweep* and on the "Calendar" page of the website.

**Go for Senior** – If you have been a Patroller for more than three years, you should be thinking about the Senior Program. Becoming a Senior is more than collecting another badge, it is a great way to learn new skills, including improving problem solving and leadership. You can tackle all of the modules at once, or work on them one module at a time. There is no time limit to finish all the modules. Double the fun by teaming up with a buddy and doing it together. There are lots of instructors who are out there waiting to help you through the process.

**Medical Reserve Corps** – After several of the natural disasters that struck the U.S., members of the NSP asked "how can we use our skill to help out?" One answer was for Patrollers to join a local unit of the Medical Reserve Corps. We currently have several Patrols who are working on joining an MRC Unit and we hope that we can learn from their experience and that this will help to make the path for others wishing to join, easier.

**New England Ski Museum** – I had the pleasure of meeting with one of the members of the Board of Directors of the New England Ski Museum this fall. One of the topics we discussed was the NESM's plan to prepare and exhibit for next year on the history of the NSP. If you have any NSP memorabilia you would like to loan or donate to the museum for the exhibit, you can contact me and I will pass on the information to the NESM folks.

Have a great season!

## Historian Needs Help...Help... and More Help!

by Ellie Jessum

I am still looking for historians to represent each region. In addition, it would be great if all patrol directors could get someone on their patrol to research their history and write it up.

Region Directors can help by putting together a list of all their patrols, current and no longer in existence.

Send all your information to [EllieNSP@aol.com](mailto:EllieNSP@aol.com).



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## Level II Avalanche Course

Can you identify avalanche terrain? Do you want a better understanding of the variability and complexity of avalanche terrain? Do you want to improve your decision-making skills while traveling through avalanche terrain? Can you perform and interpret common snow stability tests? If you are looking to learn or improve these skills, the Level II Avalanche Course at Whiteface Mountain, NY is the place for you!

The 2007 Eastern Division Level II Avalanche Course is scheduled for March 15-18 (Thursday through Sunday) at the Atmospheric Science Research Center and Whiteface Mountain, NY. The course will run four consecutive days in order to minimize time and travel commitments for those involved. Participants should plan to arrive Wednesday evening, March 14.

The purpose of the Level II course is to help prepare the patroller and backcountry user for all aspects of avalanche hazards and rescue operations. More information describing the course will be available on the Eastern Division Website.

During the first two days of the course, participants will complete the indoor program by attending a wide variety of presentations and activities, and by direct involvement in a rescue simulator session. The simulator is an indoor mock-up of a rescue problem designed to provide realistic situations and decision-making typically encountered in avalanche rescue operations.

The next two days include the outdoor portion of the course in which participants will complete field exercises including snowpack and terrain analysis, rescue beacon use, companion and organized avalanche rescue operations.

Registration cost for the course will be \$200 for NSP members and \$250 for non-NSP members. Accommodations during the indoor session will be at the Holiday Lodge, near Whiteface (518-946-2251) with meals in the restaurant located at the Lodge. The group rate is \$69 per night, double occupancy, or there are two bunkrooms sleeping six and eight for single participants. Be sure to mention the Level II Avalanche course when making your reservation.

Meals will be available at The Holiday Lodge at a very reasonable cost. Catered lunches, including trail lunches for the outdoor sessions, will also be available at the ASRC lodge each day, again, at a very reasonable price.

Prerequisites for this course are listed below on the application form. Winter hiking experience and proper outdoor clothing and equipment are also essential. Interested participants should understand that the outdoor fieldwork is done in a winter mountain environment that involves physical exertion and sustained exposure to winter elements and hazards. Interested participants with physical or medical restrictions must consider these factors before applying. Attendance is limited, so sign up early!

For information, contact Level II Avalanche Instructor of Record Chuck Boyd at 860-668-0521, lc2boyd@cs.com or Level II Avalanche Assistant Instructor of Record Rich Hartman at 215-576-0914, richardhartman@verizon.net. To register for the course please complete and return the form below.

### AVALANCHE LEVEL II COURSE, WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN, NY

March 15-18, 2007

Registration closes February 28, 2007

#### Pre-requisites taken within the last three years

Level I Avalanche OR Avalanche Fundamentals and Rescue  
and Level I Mountain Travel & Rescue OR Mountain Travel & Rescue Fundamentals

Please neatly complete the form below and return it with payment to: Chuck Boyd, 1 Daventry Hill Lane, Suffield, CT 06078-1964

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ NSP Reg # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of course: NSP members-\$200.00 Non-members-\$250.00

Return with check made payable to: Chuck Boyd

## We Ain't Got No Stinkin' Avalanches!

*Rick Shandler, Avalanche Supervisor*

When I talk to people in the East about the avalanche program, many of them make the same joke; "Avalanches, we ain't got no stinkin' avalanches!" Well, my friend, comments like that are just a sign of ignorance. We do have avalanche capable areas both from natural and man-made snow. Some have even resulted in fatalities.

I'm sure that many of you also ski in other places besides the East and I know that they have avalanches there. More and more people are venturing "past the rope" outside of controlled ski areas where avalanches are even more likely. Do you have the knowledge and skills necessary to keep yourself and your party safe?

Now, let's talk about value for a moment. Everybody wants a "pro deal." Well, let me clue you in on one. Most commercial Level 1 avalanche classes cost more than \$100, and a commercial Level 2 class can run over \$400. The NSP Level 1 classes average \$30 to \$50 and the Level II class is under \$200. These programs are taught at the highest international standards by some phenomenally talented instructors.

If you want to ski smarter and safer then you should take advantage of these courses. Our Level II avalanche course is only offered every other year, but you are in luck because this is one of those years. It will be held at Whiteface Mountain March 15-18. The class size is limited, so I recommend that you register early. Information about all of the avalanche programs is available on your regional website as well as on the division website at [www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org).

The avalanche program will challenge and stimulate you. It combines everything that NSP has to offer: skiing and toboggan handling, mountain travel and rescue, incident command, OEC, emergency management, teamwork, communication, camaraderie, explosives (yeah, that caught your eye), first tracks, and much more. This is an evolving discipline. Like shaped skis and helmets, there are new technologies, new approaches, and new skills to learn. Ask anyone who has taken one of our courses and they'll tell you that you'll never look at snow the same way again.

See you on the snow!

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*I am honored to have been selected as the Eastern Division Avalanche Advisor.*

*I joined the Spring Mountain (EPA) patrol as an alpine patroller in 1996 and am also a Nordic Senior Patroller with the Upper Delaware Nordic Ski Patrol.*

*I am an Avalanche and MTR Instructor/Trainer and an OEC Instructor. I am currently the EPA MTR Advisor.*

*Outside of NSP, I teach White Water Kayaking and Swiftwater Rescue as well as team building, high ropes, group dynamics, and communication.*

*I am certified as an EMT, W-EMT, and rescue scuba diver.*

*Currently I live in, and am renovating, a 200-year-old stone barn.*

## 2007 Student Seminar Bretton Woods, NH March 16-19 2007



Some of you might remember two years ago; a warm, sunny weekend at a beautiful ski area called Bretton Woods Resort. The food was delicious, the trails were pristine, and the people were friendly. What a wonderful time! Well, we are going back this year!

Every year in March, the Eastern Division holds the Student Ski Patrol Training Seminar for student patrollers. This event gives students a chance to compete or clinic in OEC, ski/snowboard, and toboggan skills. Often times the memories don't come from the competition or training, but the friends created, the visit to a different mountain, the food, and a full schedule of fun!

The seminar officially kicks off on Friday with a fun day of skiing or riding for those who are able to come early. Saturday and Sunday are jam packed with competitions, clinics, training, and fun activities. The weekend concludes with a banquet and awards Sunday night. Those who can stay around enjoy a great day of skiing or riding on Monday.

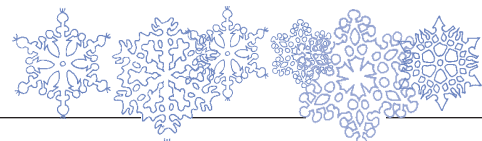
Thanks to a contribution from the Eastern Division Alumni, we are still able to offer the event for the low cost of \$250. This includes:

- Three nights lodging (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
- Dinner on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
- Lift tickets
- Division evaluators' and instructors' expertise
- Special events

We encourage students at all mountains to participate in this event to make it as successful as it has been in the past!

**Fill in the registration form and mail it in by February 9, 2007.** Register early as space is limited. If registration is not received by February 9, a \$50 late fee will be charged.

If you have any questions please contact Jerry Hyson at [hyski@verizon.net](mailto:hyski@verizon.net) or 978.464.5939. We look forward to seeing you on the slopes of Bretton Woods!



# STUDENT PATROLLER SEMINAR REGISTRATION

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEBRUARY 9, 2007**

Registrations received late will be automatically charged a late fee of \$50, if there is still availability, as space is limited  
Fill in completely and return with a \$250 check made payable to NSP Eastern Division to:  
Jerry Hyson, Box 387, 124 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541

Please type or legibly print all information except for signatures.

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ NSP # \_\_\_\_\_

Attending adult advisor/chaperone must be at least 21 years of age and be endorsed by the student patroller's parent or guardian. No more than 5 students per advisor/chaperone.

Advisor/Chaperone (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor/Chaperone (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

The above named student patroller is a registered member of NSP and approved for the seminar.

Patrol Director (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol Director (signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Your status (check all appropriate)

Student Advisor  Adult Chaperone  Snowboard  S&T T/E  OEC T/E  OEC Instructor  Toboggan Instructor

To help us plan ahead please fill in the following

I plan to: 

<input type="checkbox"/> Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Toboggan	<input type="checkbox"/> OEC	I plan to ski <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Monday
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Compete	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Compete	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Compete	

Arrival (date & time) \_\_\_\_\_ Departure (date & time) \_\_\_\_\_

If student patroller is under 18 years of age the following medical authorization must be completed.

## MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS UNDER 18

This authorizes the ski patrol, EMS personnel, a licensed physician, surgeon, or other recognized hospital staff member to carry out emergency medical care deemed necessary for my child/ward in an emergency, when normal permission is unavailable.

Name of Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Physician's # \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/Plan # \_\_\_\_\_

Special Emergency Information/Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

## RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT — REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENT PATROLLERS

The undersigned, as a participant, or as a parent or guardian of a minor who is participating in the 2007 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, in consideration for being allowed to participate in such event, hereby releases the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Bretton Woods Ski Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents and employees thereof from any and all claims or liabilities of any kind whatsoever arising out of my or such minor's participation in the 2007 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. I/we further release and waive any rights, causes of action, or claims against said Ski Patrol or Ski Area, and any officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof which I/we may have arising out of any personal injury, property loss or damage, or any other liability incurred during skiing and related activities of the 2007 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar. As further consideration for being permitted to participate in the 2007 Eastern Division Student Training Seminar, I, or we on behalf of said minor, hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. and the Eastern Division, Bretton Woods Ski Resort and any and all officers, members, volunteers, agents, and employees thereof from all damages, judgments, expenses (including attorney's fees) and costs whatsoever arising out of any claim or demand by the said minor or by persons acting for or on behalf of said minor in respect of the aforesaid injuries or damages.

Participant (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Participant (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if participant is under the age of 18)

## Mountain Travel and Rescue Level II Course Offered

The early winter weather will signal another exciting Level II MTR course. This course is in two sessions: the indoor session, when participants are taught what is needed and to be expected when camping in the winter climate; and the outdoor session, when the group travels by skis or snowshoes to a wilderness setting for three days and two nights of actual winter camping experience. The indoor session will be at Highland Forest Nordic Area, Fabius, NY and the outdoor session will be at Salmon Hills Adventure Center, Redfield, NY. Both areas are in north central New York.

If you want to take the challenge, Butch MacQueen and his band of Eastern Division instructors will ensure that you have a very enjoyable experience. It's no "Beach Party," but it is an experience you will remember fondly. Many of our past students have enjoyed it so much, they have gone on to become instructors so they can continue to participate in the adventure.

### MTR Level II Course

*Indoor session* – December 16-17 Highland Forest

*Outdoor session* – February 9-11, Salmon Hills

Both sessions are required!

Registration closes December 7

*Pre-requisite:* MTR Fundamentals or MTR Level 1

Please neatly complete the form below and return it with payment to:

Butch MacQueen, 1386 Braley Hill Road, Frewsburg, NY 14738

For additional information call: (716)354-9235 or email:

macqueen@madbbs.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ NSP Reg # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Cost of course:* NSP members-\$90.00 Non-members-\$120.00

*Make Checks payable to:* Eastern Division, NSP

Return with payment by December 7, 2006

*Note:* If you receive this after the closing date please contact Butch MacQueen to see about availability.

## Mountain, Travel and Rescue Program

*Greg Banner, Supervisor*

We are looking forward to a great season. We have already had our annual Nordic/Avalanche/MTR instructor meeting in Albany and a number of courses have been registered for the season. We will be running an MTR2 course again this year. Check out the division calendar on the website if you're interested in finding a course.

As a program, our priority is to try to expand better into the VT, NH and ME Regions. Those regions are our weakest and we want to fix that. Anyone with an interest in helping please get involved, take classes, get your instructor certification and help move things along. We have some instructors and I/T's willing to help out but need some local initiative to really move things along.

Our program is "beginner-friendly" and we want to help introduce people to winter camping and backcountry activities. If you haven't done this it can be a lot of fun with a great group of folks. Ask about it if you have questions, and "come on out!"

Our program is known for other things but we want to make sure everyone knows we have some things to offer to all ski areas for their normal operations. In particular we could help an area refine its local search and rescue plans for missing people. If your area needs help in this area, hunt down your Regional MTR Advisor and/or local instructors.

Best wishes for the coming season.



*MTR2 participants gliding along*



## Instructors Wanted

Noel Rios, ID Supervisor

It's the time of year to thank all the Instructors, Instructor/Trainers (I/T's), and Trainer/Evaluators (T/E's) who make the courses, clinics, and classes possible.

In addition, we have Region Administrators and their staffs that help organize, recruit, coordinate, and support the efforts of the instructors in their regions. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

If you have ever felt the need to help your fellow patrollers enhance their skills in any discipline of NSP, there is no time like the present to start the process.

The first thing you need to do is sign up for an Instructor Development (ID) course (formerly Phase I). There are two types of courses offered.

The traditional one is where a group meets with one or more ID instructors and engages in a variety of classroom exercises, which simulate teaching and learning styles. After this one-day experience you are assigned a mentor, in your chosen discipline.

The second type of course is our "E" course. That's short for electronic, but it's a misnomer because you will be using a CD (which you must purchase along with the textbook) as opposed to being online.

The "E" course is registered through National just like a traditional course; however, there is no timeframe for you to complete the process of working your way through the CD modules.

At the end of each module, there is an interactive quiz. All questions must be answered correctly. If an incorrect answer is given, you will be taken to the section of the module containing the information necessary to provide a correct response. Upon successful completion, you will be allowed to proceed to the next module.

At the end of the course, you receive a final pass code, which will allow you to take the final evaluation. Your instructor of record will send an electronic version of the evaluation to you. You need a passing score of 80 or better to receive credit for the course.

After you receive credit for the either the traditional or "E" course, you will be assigned a mentor in the discipline in which you wish to teach. The mentor's job is to help you refine your instructional skills and approaches until you are ready for observation by an Instructor/Trainer (I/T) who may certify you as ready to be a full instructor, or may suggest some area where you need more work. If that is the case, another observation will be scheduled.

Part of the mentoring process will include written lesson plans. A template for lesson plans is included in the CD. The mentoring process is the same for either course.

These options provide a variety of ways to become an instructor. Take that first step and join the NSP brotherhood of instructors.

## Enhance Your S&T Skills at Killington!

It's time again to sign up for the Killington Ski and Toboggan Enhancement Clinic. Scheduled for February 3 & 4, this clinic is open to all registered patrollers. It's a great way to improve your skiing and toboggan-handling skills. Last year the class filled up quickly...we limit the size to 32.

You will have the opportunity to work with expert ski instructors one day and top toboggan instructors the next. Plain clothes please, no patrol parkas. Talk to your friends, talk to some of the folks who were there last year, come, and have FUN. One comment we had last year was "lots of continuous feedback – great clinic."

Killington is a great place to accomplish this. We have the most varied terrain in the east; you will not be intimidated and there will be plenty of challenge for the

expert. Mother nature played games with us last year, so look for lots of snow this year.

On Saturday after skiing we have a food and beverage party. This will give you time to socialize and talk to the instructors about the day's successes and improvements.

The registration fee is \$70, which includes your lift tickets for both days, instruction, and the party afterwards. Fill out the program registration form on the back page of this issue and send it with your check to the listed contact. If you have any questions contact Brian Bishop at 570-253-3094 or [brianb18428@peoplepc.com](mailto:brianb18428@peoplepc.com).

Pre-registration is required so we have sufficient staff. Registration form is on the back of this issue. We will try to keep the groups small so everyone gets special attention.

## NSP/PSIA-E Crossover Program

PSIA-E would like to welcome and extend current NSP members the opportunity to participate in selected 2006/07 ski improvement and educational events.

Current NSP members can register for the selected events *at the same rate as current PSIA members*. NSP members must meet all appropriate PSIA-E deadlines and registration requirements. Their application must include their current National NSP number and be signed by either their Ski Area Patrol Director of Snowsports School Director.

Course descriptions, requirements, fees, and deadlines can be found at [www.psia-e.org](http://www.psia-e.org), the PSIA-E website.

Following is a listing of the courses that are open to NSP members for the 2006-07 season.

### Development Series Skiing

Focuses on developing personal skiing skills. It will help participants develop strong fundamental skills and versatility, and will help them understand and use proper tactics for varying conditions and terrain. This course will count as a prerequisite for the Level II Exam and specific training for the Level II Part 1.

### Race Series

The Race Series is designed for everyone, even those who have never had experience in gates. Participants will be grouped with members whose skill, pace and goals are similar. Race events will focus on developing participants' skiing skills toward greater precision and accuracy. Correct biomechanics and fundamental skills will be stressed. Focus on Slalom and Giant Slalom with an emphasis on developing technical skills and racing tactics.

### Mogul Series

Understand that the course conductors and host area are not able to control the weather and its affect on quality of the moguls on any given day. A bumps event is a very terrain-specific event and our hosts do their best to provide us with the best possible conditions, but sometimes Mother Nature just doesn't cooperate. In such a case, the course conductors will help participants develop skills and tactics outside the bumps and in whatever appropriate terrain is available.



- *Introduction to Bumps*: This course will help the participant develop the basic skills and tactics necessary to link turns in bumps on blue terrain. The Intro to Bumps course assumes no previous experience skiing moguls, however part of the experience of the course will be skiing in the bumps. The ability to make a proficient short turn will significantly benefit the participant's experience in this clinic.
- *Intermediate Bumps*: This course will focus on refining basic skills and tactics and developing additional skills necessary to hold a line and short turn rhythm at moderate speed on blue terrain. Participants should be comfortable in blue terrain bumps.

### Trees and Steeps

- *Eligibility*: Participants must possess strong skiing skills as well as a good level of fitness. All participants should feel comfortable skiing ungroomed and varying snow conditions. The focus will be on developing and enhancing skills for skiing steep terrain and trees. Participants will be skiing on steep terrain and in trees according to the experience and ability level of the group.
- *Intro to Trees and Steeps*: Will focus on developing the skills for skiing steep terrain and trees. Participants will be skiing on steep terrain and in any available easy trees. Participants must feel comfortable skiing ungroomed and varying snow conditions.
- *Intermediate Trees and Steeps*: Will focus on helping skiers develop a tactical plan for skiing steep, ungroomed terrain in varying conditions. Moderate to difficult tree skiing will be explored according to the conditions and the ability of the group.

### Backcountry Accreditation

It is recommended the Backcountry Accreditation courses be taken in order.

- *Orientation And Equipment*: Introduces participants to reading terrain/snow pack as well as types of natural and induced situations. Focuses on equipment and gear needed during daylight hours as well as overnight as well as team building skills. Provides introduction to transceiver usage, route selection and orienteering.
- *Collecting Data*: Participant will analyze various situations and make decisions based on the information obtained. Includes small party rescue situations, traveling safely and effects from weather.
- *Putting It All Together*: Focuses on group activities including equipment check, group travel in relation to food and hydration, route selection and safety.





## Certified Program for 2007

by Dave Walker, Chair

Well, let's hope that the 2007 ski season is better to us than the 2006 season was.

This year's annual exam will be held on March 23-25, 2007 at Hunter Mountain in New York. Watch the Certified page on the division website for lodging and exam information. Go to nspeast.org, click on programs, click on Certified and all of the latest and greatest information will be available to you including contact names, email addresses, information about the program and schedule changes. Precourses and the exam dates will be published on the division calendar and are at the end of this article.

We have scheduled two precourses for the season. One at Sunday River in Maine on January 18th (Thursday) and the other on January 27th (Saturday) at either Windham Mountain or Hunter Mountain in New York. You will find the contact information on the division Certified page and yes, you must pre-register for either of these courses. Just email the contact person and let them know that you plan to attend.

New this year...at this year's Windham Mountain Patroller School in New York (January 20) or at the Sunday River, Maine (January 18) precourse there will be an opportunity for Certified candidates to practice their OEC skills on Certified OEC problems with either Bill Jordan (Certified OEC Chair) at Windham or Dave Walker at Sunday River. You will need to contact Bill if you would like to participate at Windham or Dave Walker for Sunday River.

Many patrollers feel that Certified is a level that is either above their capabilities or such a well-kept secret that the mystique surrounding it is just not worth investigating. The Certified membership can help with both of these issues. First, we invite you to attend our annual exam at Hunter Mountain. This will help you to understand the objectives and expectations of the program. Look around at the people in your region who are Certified and you will see people who participate in all levels of patrolling and are a resource. Every region in this division has a Certified advisor. Just access the division

website for their contact information or access your region website where they are also listed.

Certified patrollers are accessible, they are a wealth of information, and they are willing to share that information with you. To start training for this program you need to do a couple of things. Number one, come to the annual test, meet some great people and ask them about the program. Start your training early. Getting an early jump on your training is the key to being successful. There is no reason why you cannot practice OEC, read your OEC book, get together with other prospective Certified candidates and members, work on knots, lift evacuation, read about ski area management, talk to mountain risk managers, or try some dry-land training for exercise that will not only help you get in shape for the upcoming season but is also a very healthy thing to do.

Yes, this program is tough. It is designed to be. It will challenge every aspect of your mental and physical toughness. It is not a program that you can just show up and take. You must train and gather information from many resources. Take my word for it, start as soon as possible, train hard, come and meet some of the greatest people you will every know.

### 2007 CERTIFIED AND PSPA EVENTS

#### INTRODUCTION TO CERTIFIED PROGRAM

- 1/18/07 Sunday River, ME  
Dave Walker, 978-582-9644, cert372@yahoo.com
- 1/20/07 Windham Mountain, NY  
Brant Maley, 717-648-6900, SkiPatrol@comcast.net

#### PRE-COURSES

- 1/18/07 Sunday River, ME Dave Walker, see above
- 1/27/07 Windham Mountain, NY  
Ted Davis, tdavis@windhammountain.com

#### ANNUAL EXAM

- 3/23-25/07 Hunter Mountain, NY  
Dave Walker, see above

#### PSPA EVENTS

- 2006-2007 (all held on Wednesdays)

#### EXAMINERS CLINIC

- 12/13/06 Mt. Sunapee, NH

#### PRE-COURSES

- 1/10/07 Mt. Sunapee, NH
- 1/24/07 Killington, VT

*Other precourses may be scheduled upon a case-by-case basis by contacting: Chris Wilkey, PSPA President, thetele.tubby@gmail.com*

#### ANNUAL EXAM

- 3/7-8/07 Sunday River, ME

These dates are firm but some locations may change. For information on PSPA events or to verify locations contact Dave Walker (see above).

## Memorial Scholarship Fund

On December 1, 1975, a committee was formed to set up an Eastern Division Memorial Fund to provide a means of honoring and remembering Patrollers & Friends of Skiing. Their names are now engraved on plaques, which are displayed at Division events throughout the year.

Comprising the board was Bruce Halliday, Eastern Division Awards Advisor; Bob Bettle, ADD; Don Page, DD; Tyler Davis, ADD; Frank Murati, SC ENY; and Al Pels, RD NJ. On April 25, 1976 at the Eastern Division Officers' Meeting, they created and established the Eastern Division Memorial Fund. Zack Wellman became the Fund Chairman.

Contributions to the Fund accumulate and the interest generated by these moneys is used to provide scholarship assistance to patrollers who are furthering their education.

The Memorial Fund has grown over the years to over \$38,000. We have awarded 63 scholarship grants totaling \$23,600.

This year's winners are: Kimberly Klauber, Mohawk Mountain, CT; Jenny Burtchell, Bigrock Resort, ME; and Patrick Morin, McCauley Mountain, NY.

Contributions may be made to the fund c/o David J. Nelson, Fund Chairman, 2 Terrace Road, Boonton, NJ 07005. Please state in whose memory the gift is being made and provide the address of the family. The fund will inform the family of the contribution and the name of the benefactor, without revealing the amount of the gift. The contributor will also receive a letter of thank you from the fund.

A formal application for the scholarship is now available from the Fund Chairman at the address above or email: davidjnelson@optonline.net. The application is also available on the Eastern Division website: [www.nspeast.org](http://www.nspeast.org).

A committee reviews the applications prior to the Division Spring Officers' Meeting.

To insure sufficient time for such review, we request that all applications be submitted to the Fund Chairman by March 31.

Scholarship awards are announced at the Spring Officers' Banquet.



## Finance Committee Report

*by Fred Leukroth, Chair*

Following the Eastern Division Board's approval of a formal Investment Policy defining the manner in which Eastern Division funds are to be invested and establishing benchmarks against which results will be measured, the Finance Committee solicited investment proposals from five investment/financial advisor entities, including those with whom division funds are now invested.

We received five investment proposals which were painstakingly evaluated with respect to cost, quality, and diversity of investments and commitment to matching or exceeding performance benchmarks outlined in our Investment Policy.

At the Fall Officers' Meeting, the Finance Committee recommended, and the Eastern Division Board of Directors approved a contract with Stewart Moscov of Heritage Financial Services in Pittsford, NY. Mr. Moscov has 35 years of experience as a Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) and Certified Life Underwriter (CLU).

As an added benefit, Stew is a member of the NSP family having spent 25+ years patrolling at Bristol Mountain in Central New York.

The relationship with Heritage is governed by a formal and detailed financial advisory contract. The entire Finance Committee will periodically review results achieved by Mr. Moscov and Heritage and confirm conformance with ED's Investment Policy.

A presentation of the realigned investments and results will be presented as part of the Treasurer's Report at 2007 Spring Officers' Meeting.

The Finance Committee's next project is to establish Eastern Division guidelines that help all levels of Eastern Division understand our obligations and responsibilities as members of a 501(c)(3) organization.

Committee members are Jeff Barcus, Rick Knight, John McManus, John Tuttle and, with Bob Scarlett's move to Interim National Legal Advisor, Henry Williams, who is now Eastern Division's Legal Advisor.

Having served my full term as Western Mass RD & ED Board Member, this is my last report as Finance Committee Chair, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the committee members for their diligence and hard work. Again, special thanks to John Tuttle for his extraordinary contribution. Chris Brodersen, NJ Region Director and ED Board Member, has agreed to become Finance Committee Chair beginning at the next Spring Officers' Meeting.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful ski season.

## New OEC Supervisor... Scott Rockefeller

In June 2006 after Bill DeVarney's promotion to Administrative OEC Supervisor, I was appointed as the new OEC Supervisor responsible for the ME, NH, WMASS, and EMARI Regions.

I joined the Butternut Ski Patrol in 1993 in WMASS. In 1996, I successfully completed the WEC Instructor Phase I and II. Throughout the 90's I was very active in both WEC classes and the Senior WEC program. In 2000 I became an I/T, supervising refreshers and classes. In 2002 I was recruited to become the Assistant OEC Administrator and when Fred Leukroth became the WMASS Region Director I assumed the Administrator's position which I held until June 2006. In 2003 I successfully completed the Senior OEC T/E program.

For my work managing and working with the OEC programs in WMASS, I was awarded the Region Director's Award in 2003 and a Yellow Merit Star Award in March 2004.

In 2004, I served on the Eastern Division OEC Subcommittee that worked on Region and Division issues. I was awarded Leadership Commendation Appointment #8345 in 2004 and was the recipient of the Eastern Division's Tyler Davis Award as the Outstanding ED Instructor in 2005.

Besides my dedication to the OEC program I am also an EMT-B in Massachusetts and I volunteer for the town of Lee Ambulance Squad. I have been teaching EMS Continu-

ing Education since 1997 and am currently the Training Coordinator and QA Officer for Lee Ambulance. Serving Lee and surrounding communities, I also train First Responders for Lee Fire, Lee Police, and Tyringham Fire Departments. In 2006, EMSCO, the EMS County Service Organization recognized me with the EMT of the Year Award.

In September 1977, I became a CPR instructor and have been very active teaching ski patrols, EMTs, First Responders, doctors, and nurses. I am currently on the faculty of Fairview Hospital CPR American Health Association and in 2005 I was appointed a Doctor Designee for Berkshire Medical Center, a position that reviews EMS personnel annually for CPR and AED skills.

Active with MCI drills and training, in 2006 I successfully completed an instructor's course with the New England Council of Medicine, the only recognized MCI program by Massachusetts OEMS.

Outside of EMS and patrolling I work for Schweitzer Maudit, as a Senior Computer Specialist, where I recently completed my 38th year. I also serve on the their Emergency Response Team and provide the training for its members. Operations in NJ and NY also utilize my training skill for their teams.

What do I feel my strong traits are? Working with people, setting realistic goals, and teaching.

To be more successful in delivering OEC programs, I have purchased and stocked a 5'x8' foot box trailer to help simulate most any scenario that is being planned. This trailer is available for most events and with realistic moulage, offers the patroller a life-like situation that tests their OEC and management skills.

My wife Eileen and I live in Lee, MA. We have two grown daughters and five grandchildren.

## Two Great Events... One Great Location

### PATROLLER SCHOOL AND INTRO TO CERTIFIED AT WINDHAM MOUNTAIN

The Windham Mountain Patroller School is scheduled for January 20 & 21, 2007. This school presents an excellent opportunity to improve ski and toboggan-handling skills. One of the two days will be spent enhancing ski skills with a PSIA instructor, while the other will be with a Certified Patroller sharpening toboggan-handling skills.

All registered patrollers (including auxiliaries and candidates) are eligible to attend this training. Windham requires participants to wear civilian clothes – no patrol parkas please.

The weekend is a great time for instructors and patrollers who want to improve their skills. Saturday evening there will be a pizza and beer party, which allows

for mingling with patrol school participants and reflection about your day.

The Introduction to the Certified Program is also scheduled for January 20 & 21, 2007. It is open to any registered patroller who is interested in the Certified Program.

The Certified Credentials Committee, prior to accepting a patroller into the program, reviews an applicant's patrol history. There will be a presentation on this application process to help prospective candidates understand what the committee is looking for. Each of the modules in the Certified exam are discussed and demonstrated on the snow as required. These skills include: skiing, toboggan handling, first aid, avalanche rescue, lift evacuation, low-angle rope rescue, hill safety, and management interviews. The potential candidate will have little doubt as to what is required to become Certified after this clinic.

The registration fee for these events is \$50 Send a check payable to NSP Eastern Division along with the completed registration form found on the back page of this issue. PRE-REGISTRATION IS A MUST to help prepare for this event.

# AWARDS



## EASTERN DIVISION

### NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Mark DelSesto	10210	ME
Chris Fraser	10314	EPA
Trish Watson	10312	WMA
David Truedson	10322	EMARI
Andy Byra	10328	NJ
Jeffrey Haines	10330	NJ
Charles Reisinger	10332	NJ
Kerry Brousseau	10334	ENY
Sue Navarra	10394	GV
Hugh McMillian	10396	GV
William Kloc	10436	ENY
Jaime Pomeroy	10476	WMA
Simon Thomas	10478	EMARI
Tony Curro	10480	ME
Jerry Madden	10482	WMA
Mike Noyes	10484	WMA
George Treisbach	10486	EPA

#### YELLOW MERIT STAR

Charles Feller	GV
Mike Gagnon	WMA
Maggie Gerlach	GV
Jim Higgins	WMA

Tom Kneiss	EPA
Jeff Marks	EPA
Paul Morrison	WMA
Flo Rutherford	EPA
Brian Shankat	GV
Mike Tallon	GV
George Wasson	EPA
Mark Whitford	GV
Dennis Zercher	EPA

#### PURPLE MERIT STAR

Robert Cook	EPA
Denny Perry	EPA
Carol Wild	GV
Mike Wuerthele	SVT
Sue Wuerthele	SVT

#### BLUE MERIT STAR

William Brown	NJ
Richard Cipriani	NJ
Amy Damon-Grover	NVT
Mike DeLuca	EMARI
Jack Dowd	EMARI
Geoff Gardell	EMARI
Cynthia Griffenkranz	NJ
Mike Halloran	EMARI

Greg Johnson	EPA
Edee McNamara	EMARI
Jeffrey Miller	NJ
Dave Rearson	GV
Bob Smith	GV
Dave Smith	EPA
David Truedson	EMARI

#### GREEN MERIT STAR

Kevin McKegney	NVT
Mike Rainville	NVT

#### PATROLLER CROSS

Gordie Bell	EPA
Debra Cowell	NJ
John Crandall	NJ
Mark Fernandes	CT
Brian Flanagan	EPA
Dave Nelson Jr.	NJ
Bob Patterson	NJ
Bobbie Reisinger	NJ
Sue Supino	NJ
Barry Worman	NJ

#### HONORARY NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Eric Flynn	Snow Time Inc.
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## Radio Battery Charging and Use

by Dick Woolf, Telecom Advisor

Each winter, this topic floats to the top of the 'Frequently Asked Questions' list. Since some new battery chemistries have appeared on the market since I last wrote an article, I thought it might be a good time to update the recommended protocols.

In the world of rechargeable batteries, you'll see three types used with ski patrol radios: nickel-cadmium (NiCad), nickel-metal hydride (NiMh), and lithium-ion (Lion). What are their characteristics?

NiCad: best performance in cold weather, contains toxic compounds, smallest amount of energy for size-weight, inexpensive, some memory effect (reduced in recent years).

NiMh: so-so performance in cold weather, environmentally friendly, better energy output for size/weight, more costly, self-discharges at 10% per day if not charged.

Lion: so-so performance in cold weather, environmentally friendly, greatest energy output for size/weight, most costly, may require special chargers.

In my view, NiCad batteries provide the best cold-weather performance in the ski patrol operating environment. They don't self-discharge, they're inexpensive (as compared with the

alternatives), they can be charged in your existing chargers, and, with proper charging and use, should provide good service. It is important NOT to discard old NiCad batteries in the trash. Cadmium is toxic and should be properly recycled. Contact me (my information is at the end of this article) for information on NiCad battery recycling procedures.

Although many radio manufacturers have starting shipping NiMh batteries with new equipment, they often do so for environmental reasons, and because the batteries pack slightly more power (number of hours of use) in a given package size than NiCad's. In most cases, you can acquire NiCad batteries for radios originally furnished with NiMh batteries.

Lion batteries are shipped most often with cell phones and other miniature equipment, where size is at a premium.

When using and charging batteries, regardless of type, the following general rules will prove helpful, and contribute to increased battery life:

Charge new batteries for 24 hours before placing them in service.

Charge batteries after an 8-hour duty cycle. That means eight hours turned on, not eight hours out of the charger but not used. When you take the radio out of the charger and turn it on, leave it on (even if you turn down the volume). The

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# OEC and Senior EMM

by Bill DeVarney, OEC Supervisor

The season is upon us and OEC technicians are attending refreshers in anticipation of the season that looms ahead. Senior EMM Training Coordinators (STCs) have been busy getting the early schedules for clinics up and running. Check your region calendars to see when the kickoff clinics are scheduled for your areas.

OEC Instructors have been working extra hard at developing new delivery methods for the existing material, with the hopes of peaking renewed interest in the material that is covered during each year's refresher.

OEC Instructor/Trainers have been working in each region on developing better quality instructors and completing reviews of existing instructors.

Mentoring of new candidate instructors is finally moving forward equally in almost every region. No longer should there be a black hole when it comes to becoming an instructor. The mentoring programs are run through the Region OEC Administrators and if there are questions feel free to contact the Assistant OEC Supervisor for your region.

## The steps for becoming an instructor are simple:

- 1.) Contact your Patrol Representative and express an interest in becoming an instructor.
- 2.) Attend and complete an Instructor Development Program.
- 3.) Contact your Region OEC Administrator and ask him/her to assign a mentor for you to work with. (The mentor should be an I/T or a very experienced and trusted instructor.)
- 4.) Work with the mentor on administration, program

delivery, and development. When the mentor has seen your training skills and done an evaluation, they ask the ROA for an Instructor/Trainer to complete a final review.

- 5.) The final review is completed by an I/T other than the mentor and if successful the paperwork is forwarded to National for credentialing.

The time line for completing this process is dependent on the candidate instructor. It is a performance-driven outcome, thus, more experienced candidate instructors may take less time than non-experienced candidate instructors.

The future is bright for the Senior EMM Program. Several regions have already held kick off meetings for senior candidates and clinics have begun. If you are a senior, don't be afraid to help fellow patrollers succeed. A good victim is imperative and the best victims are senior patrollers that have strong on hill experience and can really identify with how a victim would respond to being handled on the hill. Check your region calendars for the latest updates to the Senior EMM schedules.

Finally, OEC Enhancement Seminars are a great way for patrollers to expand some of their skills that don't get used on a regular basis. Not everyone has the opportunity to practice with a pelvis injury or a femur injury or illnesses. This is a great program for areas to request when they want to bring a patrol to a new level.

Hope you find the information useful, the goal of the OEC staff is to maintain consistency, open communication, and show a level of commitment to the program.

Have a safe ski season.

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worst thing you can do to a rechargeable battery is to charge it fully, then use it for two minutes, and then charge it again for 8-16 hours. All you're doing is "cooking" the battery, and the heat generated by the charging process greatly shortens battery life. Rapid chargers also contribute to premature battery failure by generating lots of heat in the battery. A slow (overnight) charger will prolong battery life.

Just as your car battery has a tougher time starting your car in the winter than in the summer, cold temperatures affect radio batteries too. If possible, keep your radio and battery warm, inside your parka. Keeping the radio covered and out of the weather is a good idea when it's raining or snowing. To hear the radio when it's inside your parka, use a speaker-microphone. Some helmet wearers may prefer an earphone.

Turn the radio OFF when it's in the charger. The manufacturer calculates the radio charging time assuming the radio is off. If you leave the radio on, charging time is greatly

increased, and you may not have a full charge the next morning. Also, if an electrical surge were to occur, having the radio off may protect it from damage.

Periodically clean the battery's contacts, the battery contacts in the radio that contact the battery's battery contacts, the charging contacts on the radio that contact the charger's charging contacts, and the charging contacts in the charger that contact the radio's charging contacts (whew!). Use a standard pencil eraser.

Finally, at the end of the season, what should you do with your radio, its battery, and charger? After considerable deliberation, the sages have arrived at the following suggestion: Charge the radio overnight, then remove the battery from the radio (to prevent battery leakage from damaging the radio), and unplug the charger. Next season, reinstall the battery, charge the radio overnight, and you should be "good to go." Any questions? Call (914-472-3456) or email (rwoolf@xtech-systems.com) me. Have a fun season!

**GERALD SCHNEIDER (1949-2006)**

Otis Ridge Ski Patrol in the Western Mass Region lost one of its most esteemed patrollers during the summer of 2006. Gerry Schneider, age 57, died at home after a long bout with cancer.

Gerry joined the Otis Ridge Ski Patrol in 1982. In 1989 he became a WEC instructor and he served as an instructor/trainer during the program's early years.

He was always available to run a full OEC course and was respected by all his students. He could be seen lying in the snow or strapped to a backboard playing the victim as fellow patrollers practiced on-the-hill scenarios.

He was also the "go to guy" for perfectly tuned skis...not

only his own but all the racers at Otis Ridge. He probably spent 20 hours a week "touching up" local kids' skis.

Born in Boston, Gerry grew up in Western Mass and graduated from the University of Miami in Florida. He worked as an electrical engineer until his retirement in 1998.

Community was important to Gerry. He served on the ambulance squad, trained EMT's, taught CPR, and worked with the Boy Scouts.

A strong family man, he leaves his wife of 34 years, Rosemary, and children Eric and Laura, both members of NSP.

Gerry set a standard of care and caring. We will miss him greatly.

*Jim Higgins  
Otis Ridge Ski Patrol*

**GEORGE H. RILEY, JR.**

George Riley died peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, with his wife and sons by his bedside, after a short but spirited fight with pancreatic cancer.

An avid skier, George was a member of the Pleasant Mountain/Shawnee Peak Ski Patrol in the Maine Region for 21 years. He was most proud of attaining senior patrol status. George was a very active OEC Instructor, running a class every year for over a decade at Shawnee Peak. George also served as Instructor of Record for the Shawnee Peak Ski Patrol's annual refreshers.

He was born Jan. 2, 1940, in Portland, ME, a son of George H. Riley and Reta Guptill. He graduated from Deering High School in 1957, Maine Central Institute in 1958, and Bates College in 1962. He proudly served in the US Navy, with the rank of lieutenant (jg), on the minesweeper USS Gallant from 1963 to 1967.

In 1967, he moved to Bridgton to teach high school English at Bridgton High School, becoming department chair when Lake Region High School opened. He taught for

22 years. Following his retirement from teaching, he worked as a real estate appraiser until 2005.

He also loved to sail, captaining his own sailboat, Scrimshaw III, on Casco Bay. In the spring of 2005, he attained his life-long dream of sailing a bareboat in the Caribbean with his wife and sons.

Throughout his life he enjoyed fishing, duck hunting, camping, hiking, building ship models, woodworking, the Red Sox, being "Pa" to his grandsons, and participating in his sons' sports activities. He spent many years coaching high school and Babe Ruth baseball.

He married Carol Beal in 1973. Besides his wife, he leaves three children: Samantha Sherman and husband Jake of Gahanna, OH; Colin Riley and girlfriend Bizzy of Issaquah, WA; and Devin Riley and fiance Kristin of Gray, ME; his grandsons, Jacob and Ryan Sherman. He is also survived by two brothers; Paul Riley and wife Debbie of Cumberland, and David Parker and wife Carol of Falmouth; as well as many other beloved family members and friends.

**WILLIAM HEILMAN**

The Seven Springs Ski Patrol in the Western Appalachian Region lost one of its friends and an outstanding 40-year patroller in January of 2006.

Bill's history was one that could have been made into a movie script. He enlisted in the Air Corp in 1942 as an Army Air Corps B-24 pilot at the age of 19. There he dodged Japanese fire in the Pacific during WWII. The Typhoons would come without warning in those early days and level an air base. Bill's job was to bomb the Japanese cargo ships that were bringing vital supplies from China to Japan. He was also one of the large group of American Military per-

sonnel who were indirectly involved with the signing of the peace treaty between Japan and the USA to end the War.

After an honorable discharge, Bill started his own business and in 1966 because of his love of skiing and the outdoors, he became a candidate at Seven Springs. With his drive to do what was required, he passed all of the tests his first year to become a patroller.

Working with Bill was always a pleasure; he did not know how to say "no" to any job that was asked of him.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Mary Lou, his children, and of course the patrol.

*Guy Lombardo, SC  
Western App Region*

**THOMAS TYLER DAVIS (JANUARY 17, 1912 - AUGUST 27, 2006)**

Thomas Tyler Davis spent his entire adult life caring for others. On Saturday, September 23, 2006, some of the many people he helped gathered at Seven Springs Mountain Resort to show how much they cared about him. A Uniontown, PA native, Tyler was an educator, soldier, self-taught skier, and ski patroller extraordinaire. He died August 26 in Pottstown, PA at the age of 94.

After graduating in 1933 with a bachelor's degree in education from North Carolina College in Durham, he took graduate courses at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1935, the quiet, soft-spoken Tyler began a 41-year career with the Fayette County Board of Public Assistance as a home visitor. He retired as executive director in 1977.

He joined the Army during World War II, "liberated" a pair of wooden skis from a house in northern Italy after "a pretty heavy snowfall," and used them to reach several units of the 92nd Infantry Division to make sure they were in their proper positions.

"I got shot at a few times, but it wasn't too bad," he said during an interview in March 2002. He was awarded the three Bronze Stars, a Legion of Merit, and the Italian Military Cross.

Before and after the war, he taught first aid for the American Red Cross. He also applied those skills to injured skiers at Seven Springs Resort. When the resort asked him in 1958 to start a ski patrol, he readily agreed. He served as the patrol leader for four years, and attracted the attention of the National Ski Patrol.

It asked him to serve first as section chief, then as region director, assistant division director, and as the Eastern Division representative to the organization's national board of directors. His duties kept him on the go every weekend skiing at ski areas throughout the Mid-Atlantic States and New England.

He met his longtime companion, Ellie Jessum, at a first aid clinic in New Jersey in 1970 and helped her build a house in Montgomery County. They took turns traveling to each other's homes.

"We had 36 wonderful years together," Ms. Jessum said. "He was the quiet one and I'm the talkative one."

"He was a brilliant man and a mentor to so many people," she said. "And he was always on the go. He traveled to more than 60 countries."

When he retired from the public assistance board in 1977, he began a 16-month ski odyssey that, among other places, took him to Chile, Australia and New Zealand.

"He helped so many people during his lifetime," said Dick Barron, ski patrol director at Seven Springs. "He was a true humanitarian. As a member of the Red Cross, he went on disaster relief missions throughout the country."

Tyler, who received every award the National Ski Patrol has, was inducted into the Pennsylvania Ski and Winter Sports Museum Hall of Fame in 2002. He was delighted to learn earlier this year that Ms. Jessum also had been selected for the hall of fame.

Tyler was the recipient of the Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole Award. To quote the NSP, this extremely rare award recognizes those exceptional few members, who over the years have closely exemplified the long-term dedication, devotion, and self-sacrifice of the founder of the NSP, Charles Minot "Minnie" Dole. The winner of this award must have at least 25 years of active patrolling service, have provided continuous leadership for more than 10 years in offices from NSP patrol representative through national levels, and have designed and implemented programs, projects, procedures, and equipment that positively affected the entire National Ski Patrol.

A dedicated educator, the Eastern Division honored him by creating the T. Tyler Davis Outstanding Instructor Award. A deserving instructor receives this honor each year at the Division Spring Officers' Meeting.

"He was a remarkable person," said Guy Lombardo, a longtime friend and regional ski patrol leader. "His legacy will live on within the National Ski Patrol."

A luncheon to celebrate Mr. Davis' life was held on Saturday September 23 at Seven Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pennsylvania Ski and Winter Sports Museum and Hall of Fame, 101 Joe Mountain Lane, Macungie, PA 18062.

For a photo slide show of pictures taken on Tyler's 94th birthday, go to this link:

<http://photoshow.comcast.net/watch/Qv9mx8FB>





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## Something for Everyone – 2007 S&T Program Registration Form

Return this form with a check for the appropriate amount, made payable to NSP Eastern Division, to the contact person listed below the event you plan to attend. Please make a separate copy of this form for each program.

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ NSP# \_\_\_\_\_

Status (check all that apply)

- Candidate  Auxiliary  Patroller  Senior  Certified Candidate  Certified  Ski  Snowboard  Telemark
- Trainer/Evaluator Teaching Clinic (pre-registration required)**  
Jan. 7 – Bromley, VT  
(Frey Aarnio, P.O. Box 201, North Pomfret, VT 05053-0201, 802-457-4527, faarnio@aol.com)
- Intro to Certified**  
Jan. 18 – Sunday River, ME (\$20 fee will cover discounted lift ticket)  
(Dave Walker, 495 Burrage Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462, 978-582-9644, cert372@yahoo.com)
- Patroller School or Intro to Certified**  
Jan. 20-21 – Windham Mountain, NY - \$50  
(Brant Maley, 4109 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109, 717-648-6900, SkiPatrol@comcast.net)
- Patroller School**  
Feb. 3-4 – Killington, VT - \$70  
(Brian Bishop, 440 Swamp Brook Rd., Hawley, Pa. 18428, 570-253-3094, brianb18428@peoplepc.com)
- Snowboard**  
To be announced on the Division Website
- Telemark**  
Jan. 20-21 – Smugglers' Notch, NVT  
(Kirby Van Vleet, 19 Amethyst Drive, Queensbury, NY 12804, 518-798-3962, kirbyvv@aol.com)

*NOTE: Contact each seminar coordinator for pricing).*

### Women's S&T Enhancement Seminars

- Jan. 27-28 – Dartmouth Skiway  
(Laura Tucker, 23 Narragansett Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201, 413-499-1795, muthrtuckr@yahoo.com)
- Feb. 3-4 – Catamount Ski Area, NY  
(Jaime Pomeroy, Clark Road, Sheffield, MA, 413-229-2277, jkpomeroy@netzero.net)
- Feb. 24 – Whitetail, EPA  
(Sarah Keating, RR1, Box 173, Union Dale, PA 18470, 570-679-2426, sarah.keating@keystone.edu)
- TBD – NJ Region  
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- TBD – Seven Springs, WAR  
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- TBD – CNY Region (There will be at least two)  
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